

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 19-A: DOMESTIC RELATIONS
Chapter 61: MAINE PARENTAGE ACT

§1882. CHALLENGE TO PRESUMED PARENT

1. Two-year limitation. Except as provided in subsection 2, a proceeding to challenge the parentage of an individual whose parentage is presumed under section 1881 must be commenced not later than 2 years after the birth of the child; otherwise the presumption cannot be rebutted.

[2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF) .]

2. Later than 2 years. A proceeding to challenge the parentage of an individual whose parentage is presumed under section 1881 may be commenced more than 2 years after the birth of the child in the following situations.

A. A presumed parent under section 1881, subsection 1 who is not the genetic parent of a child and who could not reasonably have known about the birth of the child may commence a proceeding under this subsection within 2 years after learning of the child's birth. [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

B. An alleged genetic parent who did not know of the potential genetic parentage of a child, and who could not reasonably have known on account of material misrepresentation or concealment, may commence a proceeding under this subsection within 2 years after discovering the potential genetic parentage. If the individual is adjudicated to be the genetic parent of the child, the court may not disestablish a presumed parent and, consistent with section 1853, subsection 2, the court shall determine parental rights and responsibilities of the parents in accordance with section 1653. [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

C. A mother or a presumed parent under section 1881, subsection 3 disputing the validity of the presumption may commence a proceeding under this subsection at any time. [2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 (NEW); 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

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